
leave. Who will occupy these two places is not yet definitely known.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation steamer *Whampoa*, with Australian mails, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The enbodied telegrams are taken from our Australian files —

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, 20th December.

The *Standard* to-day publishes a communication, stating that in diplomatic circles in Berlin the situation in Europe is regarded as being decidedly worse, and the relations existing between Germany, France, Austria, and Russia are considered to be in an extremely critical condition.

LONDON, 21st December.

An article in the *Berlin Tag*, apparently officially inspired, says that Germany cannot rely on the friendship of Russia while that country is making troops on the frontier and the coquetting with France continues.

With the exception of the *London Daily News* the English Press considers that the situation is becoming very grave.

LONDON, 22nd December.

Numerous vague rumours are current of a heavy armament of the part of the Russia and the fact is prominently stated that these countries are making preparations for war in the ensuing spring.

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

Sao-hing	Viceroy's gunboat	8	160	100	do.
Tohing-on	Viceroy's gunboat	8	150	100	do.
Tehing-po	Viceroy's gunboat	8	150	100	do.
Tehun-tang	Viceroy's gunboat	3	170	170	do.

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